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## FARMERS MAY BUILD WHEAT ELEVATOR

At the annual meeting of the Morrow County Farmers' Union in this city last week, the plan for constructing a wheat elevator in Heppner this year, was discussed with seriousness.

The farmer is compelled to pay 12½ cents for sacks at the present time and he looks to the future with apprehension for as harvest time draws near, he knows that the price of grain bags invariably goes higher. The Union has a committee working on the elevator plan and they will report the success of their investigations at a later date.

A committee was also appointed to take care of the arrangements for the annual picnic. Since they have received an invitation to hold their picnic in Heppner this year, and since the two former affairs were held in Lexington and Ione respectively, it is likely that Heppner will be host this time.

Owing to adverse weather conditions the annual meeting was not as well attended as former meetings.

### Heavy Snow Crushes Roof.

The heavy weight of melting snow on the roof of Vaughn & Sons' warehouse at the rear of the store caused the top of that building to cave in Monday morning. Some of the snow had been removed previously but the structure of the building did not stand up under the remaining pressure. According to John Vaughn, very little damage was caused to automobiles and other machinery stored in the warehouse.

Wilson E. Brock, well known in this city, has been elected president of the Pendleton Commercial Association for the ensuing year. The office is one that is conferred upon progressive business men in that city and Mr. Brock succeeds J. V. Tallman, for the past three years at the head of the Association.

John Vaughn returned home Sunday evening from a business trip to Portland.

Ed Duran and Guy Nordyke of Lexington were business visitors in this city Wednesday.

Miss Ona V. Gilliam returned from Portland the last of the week.

A. M. Zink was in the city on Tuesday from Ione.

## RESCUE PARTY RETURNS WITH "DAD" CARPENTER

A rescue party consisting of Charles Ayers and W. P. Leatherman returned to Heppner yesterday from the mountains of upper Willow creek with "Dad" Carpenter, the well known old miner, who has been spending the winter on the Frank Hill place cutting wood. Mr. Carpenter is an old man, being past eighty years of age and it was feared that he might have been cut off without provisions on account of the deep snow. For that reason, Judge Patterson sent the rescue party to his aid and after two days of tramping, the boys found the old man in his cabin, with plenty of grub and enjoying life. He expects to return to the mountains as soon as the weather will permit. Snow has been about four feet deep on upper Willow creek according to Mr. Carpenter.

During the recent congestion of traffic on the main line of the O.W. & N. Co., and when it was impossible to get freight trains through, the passenger trains were used in moving cars of hay and other feed so necessary for the prevention of starving stock.

## FOREST RANGERS TO FEED GAME AND BIRDS

The District Forester at Portland, Oregon, has issued a circular letter to all Forest officers, urging them to feed game and birds in their respective localities during storm periods. The National Forest appropriation is limited to the care of fish and game supplied to stock the Forests or the waters therein, and cannot be used for the purchase of food for game and birds. However, the matter is a most worthy one, especially during this year of exceptional storms, and each forest officer is urged not only to use his best efforts to furnish game animals and game and song birds with something in the way of food but is asked to appeal to ranchers and stockmen generally in his vicinity to do their part in aiding the work.

Burton H. Peck, well known dry land agriculturist, was in Heppner Wednesday from his Sagenhurst farm.

Theodore Anderson and wife were visitors in the city Saturday from their Eight Mile home.

Wm. A. Dalziel, deputy state factory inspector, paid Heppner an official visit this week.

## NELLIE RAY HOWELL

Nellie Ray Howell, wife of John Howell, died at her home in Hardman, Oregon, January 31, 1916.

On the beautiful plains of western Illinois, during the anniversary of our national independence, (1876), on the 27th day of May, when Nature smiled in great profusion and sweetness, the subject of our sketch was born. This babe seemed to absorb the sweetness of her surroundings, developing into a charming girl, a beautiful woman, a true, patient wife and a loving mother.

It seems very hard for the family and the community to part with this dear woman who went about administering deeds of kindness merely for the good they would do not for pomp or praise.

With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Merrill, she came to Oregon in 1882 and located in what is now Morrow county on November 4, 1884. She was married to John Howell on August 26, 1896 and to this union were born seven children. They are Clarence, Opal, Pearl, Eudora, Thomas, Cleve Winton and Blanche Ora, all of whom survive and are at home to comfort the grief stricken father who has performed the duties of husband and father so faithfully. Besides these she leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Merrill, of Monument, four brothers, E. Jay Merrill of Hardman, Mark C., Harvey H. and Alonzo T. of Monument, and two sisters, Mrs. M. E. Devore and Mrs. H. A. Emery of Hardman.

Regardless of the inclemency of the weather, a host of friends laid her to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Spirit, thy labor is o'er.  
Thy term of probation is run,  
Thy steps are now bound for the untrodden shore

And the race of Immortals has begun

### CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

The city council of Heppner held their regular meeting in the city hall on Monday evening with Mayor Norton presiding. The regular bills for the previous month were audited and ordered paid. Recorder Williams made the second reading on the ordinance pertaining to the licensing of pool halls and also the ordinance relating to the selling of intoxicating liquor in this city. Owing to the prevalence of rabies in animals in and near this town, the city fathers deemed it advisable to take every precaution to prevent the spread of this dread disease. In order to better cope with the situation, dogs will probably be muzzled and all stray and unlicensed canines will be done away with.

### Christian Church Notes.

Subject next Sunday morning will be: "The Triumphant Church." Evening theme: "Where is God?"

The annual election and business meeting will be held Friday evening of this week. Reports will be made for the past year. After the business session there will be a social hour with a short literary program and refreshments. All members and friends are asked to be present.

Minister Handsaker announces a series of Sunday evening sermons beginning Feb. 27 on "Ideals." The first sermon will be on: "The Ideal Young Woman." Letters will be sent to a number of young men of Heppner asking for their estimate of the ideal young woman. Mr. Handsaker will quote from these letters in his sermon.

### Catholic Church Services.

First Mass, 8 a. m.  
Second Mass, 10:30 a. m.  
Christian Doctrine, 11:30 a. m.  
Evening Devotions, 7:30 p. m.

## FOREIGN DEBATERS WILL CLASH AT THIS PLACE

The high school debating teams of Echo and Condon have decided to meet on neutral ground and have picked this city as the place and Saturday, Feb. 19, as the time. This is according to advice received by local school authorities from Prof. W. W. Green, head of the Echo schools. Prof. Green has asked that local men be asked to serve as judges and this has been done. The debate will be held in the high school auditorium. The question is: "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service." Echo will uphold the affirmative.

### Mrs. Longbrake Dies at Lewiston.

Word has been received by S. E. Notson of this city of the death of Mrs. Elijah Hull Longbrake at her home in Lewiston, Idaho, last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Longbrake had been ill for several days and death was caused from hemorrhage of the lungs. Mrs. Longbrake was a resident of Heppner a few years ago, when her husband, Rev. Elijah Hull Longbrake was pastor of the Federated church. She is survived by the husband and one daughter.

### Ladies Did Well.

The Sisterhood of the Christian church realized about \$50 from the dinner which they served last Friday evening. Many pies and cakes left over were disposed of at a window sale the following day.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB ENDORSES CREAM- ERY AND ADDS MANY NEW MEMBERS

The membership meeting of the Heppner Commercial Club which was held in the Palace hotel grill on Tuesday evening was participated in by probably the largest gathering of representative business men that has ever attended a club meeting. President J. L. Wilkins presided over the events of the evening and after an excellent chicken dinner had been disposed of, four propositions were taken up and discussed.

Financing the county fair was the first question introduced, which was at once taken up by County School Superintendent S. E. Notson. Mr. Notson spoke of the value of the fair to the entire county and especially of the educational and industrial benefits. The county fair serves as an extension to the schools and since this county is spending \$60,000 per year for schools, the superintendent was of the opinion that it would not be amiss to do the work thoroughly and expend more money in making a better fair. He was followed by W. W. Smead, secretary of the Fair Board, who explained the indebtedness of the fair board, the amount required to pay off the indebtedness and to continue a successful fair. He as well as Mr. Notson, explained the method which the board has under consideration for financing the fair, which they consider equitable and fair. A half mill tax levied for two years will give Morrow county a good fair and pull the board out of debt say these men and they gave the figures to back up their assertions. C. E. Woodson spoke in favor of the tax issue but believes before the question is put up to the voters that a campaign of education on the subject should be undertaken which will make the issue carry with the entire people by a good majority. The idea is to get petitions circulated in sufficient time to have the half mill tax issue placed on the May primary ballot.

The result of the campaign by the membership committee was 49 new members and this number has been materially increased since Tuesday. T. J. Mahoney, as chairman of the membership committee spoke at some length on the value of maintaining a commercial organization, and in order to make that organization a success, much depends upon membership. "A membership in the Commercial Club is a good investment," said Mr. Mahoney. And he advised business men to spend less money east of the Rockies for calendars, key rings, pocket books, and other forms of novelty advertising and invest more money in the local commercial club. His speech was well received.

The Willow-Ditch creek project was discussed by C. A. Minor and Willard Herren. It is likely that work will start at an early date on the new ditch which will carry water from Ditch creek into Willow creek. The proposition has now been endorsed by both the Commercial Club and the Morrow County Rod & Gun Club and lower creek farmers are greatly interested in the project, according to Mr. Minor.

The proposed creamery which Ira M. Morgan, a practical creamery man, wished to establish in this city, received the endorsement of the club and the new industry is practically assured for this place. Under Mr. Morgan's supervision the creamery machinery will be installed and the entire cost will not exceed \$1500. This is considered a very modest beginning, but Mr. Morgan has hopes of building up the business as the field is developed.

The dinner was made more enjoyable with music which was furnished to the club free of charge by Redifer's orchestra.

After a little round of discussion on the political situation, the club adjourned.

## IONE HAS BAND ORGANIZATION --OTHER ITEMS OF ACTIVITY IN THE EGG CITY AND VICINITY

A new band organization has been launched at Ione and before very long there should be "music in the air" hereabouts. Paul G. Balsiger is president of the new organization. Jesse Dobyns, secretary-treasurer, E. J. Bristow, manager and Vawter Crawford, leader. The band is made up of several old players and a number of new fellows who have had some tutelage, and it is the intention to work up a creditable musical organization that will be prepared to furnish entertainment for all occasions requiring the services of a band. On cornets there will be Jesse Dobyns, John Hosner, Vawter Crawford, Earl Blake; clarinet, C. Schriener; altos, Thomas Griffiths, Chas. Cochran, Wayne Schriener, Earl Cronk; tenors, Joseph Lowell, Elisha Sperry, Frank Stoops; baritone, P. G. Balsiger; tuba, E. J. Bristow; drums, Chas. Chick.

W. F. Burger, who has been engaged in the harness business at this place for several years, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, being unable to realize sufficiently on his collections to keep ahead of his obligations to outside houses. Sorry to note that Mr. Burger has met with this business reverse. He is a fine young man and deserved to prosper. Mr. Burger contemplates leaving Ione soon for his former home in Wisconsin. His place of business here is closed for the present, being in charge of R. L. Sabin, of Portland, who will try to dispose of the business as it stands, and have it opened up again.

High water did considerable damage to the farms of T. B. Buffington and Frank Akers just above Ione. The piling up of the ice from Rhea creek caused quite a serious overflow at this point and the water did no small amount of damage cutting through the fields. At the farms of Alex Lindsay and Gus Wilcox there was a big overflow also and considerable damage reported. The high water from Rhea creek did the work at this point, and rushed across the flat without reference to the Willow creek channel. It is early yet to ascertain the extent of damage done.

Dr. C. C. Chick, after having been forced to remain in Portland for a week, where he enjoyed some real weather, managed to get home on Monday. He was called to the city because of the severe illness of his father. The Doctor is fully convinced that all of the bad weather does not settle about the Eastern Oregon country, and he can testify to the fact that Portland can put up about the worst bunch of that article that is to be found anywhere around this part of the mortal vineyard.

C. E. Shaver is preparing to begin work on the new well out at the A. B. Grover farm just as soon as the weather settles. Charlie has been quite successful at putting down deep wells, an example of his good work being the well completed late in the fall for Jere Barlow. We trust he will be able to do as well for Mr. Grover.

W. F. Palmateer was up from Morgan on Tuesday and says that the big snow in his section is going off slowly, and the moisture is all sinking into the ground. The chinook hit that section a little later than it did around Ione. Mr. Palmateer leaves this week for a short visit with his people residing in Clackamas county.

Willow creek at this point was caused to roar considerably on Monday and Tuesday from the excess of water coming down from above. It did not overflow, however, and the slackening up of the chinook now insures us that we shall experience no danger from flood waters.

Frank and Adrian Engelman returned from Athena, Ore., on Monday. They were called to that place early last week by the severe illness of their mother, Mrs. Melinda King. Mrs. King was called to her long rest at her home there after an illness of long duration. She was formerly a resident of this county where she was well known and highly respected.

Millard Davis and brothers were in town Tuesday from the Chas. Davis farm Tuesday. They have been "snowed in" for the past three weeks and were somewhat glad to see a break come in the stormy weather. They report their brother Charles still quite sick and unable to get out of the house.

Bert Mason returned on Sunday evening from a stay of ten days at Hot Lake Sanatorium. He bestirred himself as soon as the railroad service was re-established, feeling that it would be better for him to be on this side of the mountains under present unsettled weather conditions. The stay at the Lake helped him and he is largely relieved of his ailments.

No severe stock loss has been reported but there were a few who have run out of feed, and the prolonging of the severe winter would mean to them the entire loss of their livestock. When we stop to consider there is but little excuse on the part of many of our farmers for not having abundant feed for their stock. There is never a season so bad in this country that plenty of rye hay cannot be produced, and the farmer that exercises a little forethought and prudence, will see to it that he raises enough of this fodder to keep his stock from perishing; and he should take this precaution, no matter what the prospects are for open winter weather. To those who were eaten out by grasshoppers and hailed out by the early summer storms there can be expressed nothing but words of commiseration. These were indeed unfortunate and have had to go up against conditions over which they had no control. A comparative small number were effected in this manner, however, and this winter of 1915-16 should be a lesson to our farmers that they prepare plenty of good feed for their livestock to carry them through, no matter what kind of weather conditions prevail, or how long they last.

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## HIGH SCHOOL PARAGRAPHS

W. Pearl LeTrace.

The staff is receiving some excellent material for the annual. If the good work is kept up, they will be able to put out a very good annual. That is their ambition, to make the annual bigger and better than ever.

Loren Mikesell, the joke editor of the annual, has contrived a plan to get material for his department. He has placed a joke-box on the desk in the auditorium. Students knowing or hearing a joke may put it in the box.

We are sorry to hear that one of our students, Thomas Hughes, is very ill.

The girl's basket ball team will play the Ione girls' team Saturday evening, weather permitting.

### Sophomore Party.

A very delightful party was given by the Sophomores last Friday evening. The invitations were in the form of subpoenas. A kangaroo court was the feature of the evening.

Henry Peterson was given his naturalization papers. The "Swede" now holds his head high, having received such important papers.

The case of Miss Lea Briggs, plaintiff, and Prof. J. W. Motley, defendant, was one of considerable interest.

A synopsis of the case is something like this: Miss Briggs had fallen and broken her arm on the rough board walk that Mr. Motley had built up to the old schoolhouse. Her witnesses were Florence Ralston, Clarence Scrivner and Oma Bennett. Her attorney was Garnet Barratt. Vawter Crawford was Mr. Motley's attorney. Miss Briggs was suing for \$25,000 damages. Dr. Pepp (Norton Winnard), the celebrated African doctor, set her arm. Just before the jurors left to decide the case, Dr. Pepp put in his doctor bill, which was \$25,000 (quite a reasonable sum).

The jurors decided the case thus: That Miss Briggs should receive nothing, and that she should marry the doctor to pay the doctor's bill.

Those present were Earl Gordon, Isabel Wilson, Norma Frederick, Claud Cox, Hannah Wilson, Vawter Crawford, Edna Ritchie, Evelyn Shipley, Florence Ralston, Henry Peterson, Oma Bennett, Paul Gamell, Cornelia Johnson, Kennon Smith, Mrs. Binns, Norton Winnard, Neva Hayes, Waldon Straight, Lea Briggs, Kenneth Binns, David Wilson, Ed Clark, Tom Hughes, Altha Devin, Pearl LeTrace, Marcia Winnard, Sylvia Severance, Loren Mikesell, Mr. Motley, Miss Long, Miss Schoenwald.

On Feb. 18 the High School will give the literary program in honor of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays.

The following numbers will be given: Song, America.....Double Quartet  
Essay, "The Turning Point in the Life of Washington,".....

.....Vawter Crawford  
Drill.....Sixteen Girls  
Essay, "Death of Abraham Lincoln".....Altha Devin  
Male Quartet.....Chas. Barlow, Earl Gordon, Clarence Scrivner, Thomas Hughes  
Recitation, "Star Spangled Banner".....Ruth VanVactor  
Recitation, "The Name of Old Glory".....Dale Watkins  
Solo.....Lester Ingram  
Speech.....Atty. C. L. Sweek  
Tableaux.....

The public is cordially invited. In the high school auditorium on Saturday evening, February 19, the Condon and Echo high schools will debate the Oregon High School question for 1916: "Resolved: That the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service." The public is invited.

## SHEEPMEN WILL RECEIVE BENEFIT OF FORECASTS

According to advice received from W. W. Cryder, Forest Supervisor, an arrangement has been made between the Forest Service and the U. S. Weather Bureau whereby a special forecast of severe storms or cold weather in the months of March, April and May will be furnished the Supervisor. Many losses have been caused to lambs and freshly shorn sheep through the effects of severe storms in the spring and this could have been avoided had the stockmen known in advance of the coming unfavorable weather condition. After being telegraphed of the forecast by the Weather Bureau, Supervisor Cryder will immediately distribute it to the following men: T. J. Mahoney, Heppner; S. B. Barker, Condon; Dan P. Smythe, Arlington; R. B. Stanfield, Echo, and L. C. Scharpf, Pilot Rock.

### Heppner Mining Company Elects.

The Heppner Mining Company held their annual meeting in this city Tuesday at the office of Sam E. VanVactor. Dan B. Stalter was re-elected president and general manager and Osmin Hager was elected secretary to succeed Edgar B. Ayers. Mr. Hager was formerly vice president and E. S. Duran of Lexington was elected to this office to succeed Mr. Hager. Mr. Stalter will return to the Mayflower mine in the Greenhorn mountains about the middle of April.

## PREDICT HIGHER PRICES FOR HOGS

The prediction of U. S. Government officials that the hog market of the country was sure to show signs of strength at an early date has come true. Hogs are now bringing \$7.75 in the Puget Sound market and it is generally conceded that shipments are so limited that it will be necessary in another forty or sixty days to begin shipping from Missouri River points. Freight and shrinkage will add about \$1.20 to the price with the result that it is predicted the price will be \$9.00 or even more by early spring. The Government is going to every length to induce the growers to renew their activities and there is every indication that they are taking kindly to the advice. The Government has always contended that it is a serious mistake for growers to even temporarily abandon the raising of hogs notwithstanding that wheat prices were soaring and hogs were not bringing the prices they should. This condition the Government contended was only temporary and that it would be only a short time when wheat would go down in price and hogs would go up. This prediction is certainly coming true as to the advance in hog prices and students of market conditions are sure that the wheat prices are liable to take a slump almost any time. War alone, it is contended is largely responsible for the high grain prices. But even Europe has stopped buying our wheat and is depending on its own crops and those that can be purchased from nearby countries. It is an admitted fact that Russia has so much wheat on hand that she does not know what to do with it. Once the Allies succeed in coming to her rescue and releasing this wheat American prices are sure to go back to normal or even below normal.

And with the close of the war or even earlier, if they can get it, European countries will be very anxious to get our pork. There is a pork famine in Europe today and it will be even greater for a time, at least, after the war comes to a close. But even now, leaving European demands out of consideration, the American hog market is getting in fine shape and growers are assured of fine prices for the future.

## WASH-OUTS ON BRANCH LINE HOLDS UP TRAIN

The local train was unable to make its regular run down the line today on account of wash-outs which have occurred. One bridge near Lexington and another near Morgan have been taken out by the high water. Some damage to orchards near Ione has been caused by the present high water overflowing its banks and in many places the creek has taken its course off through the fields. In case Heppner residents have met with some inconveniences on account of the mill race, which is leaking badly in places.

### Services at M. E. Church South.

Rev. H. S. Shangle, presiding Elder of Oregon district, M. E. church South, will preach at that church next Friday, February 18, at 7:30 p. m. The quarterly conference will be held at the close of the meeting. He will also preach at the Federated church the following Sunday night. There probably will be preaching at the M. E. church, South, every evening next week. Listen for the bell. All are invited. W. B. SMITH.

## COYOTES IN BARN ARE KILLED WITH A CLUB

From the banks of Willow creek comes a story of adventure this week that will make the old timers sit up and take notice, and the hero is John McIntyre.

As the story has been told to us, John, who is working for Pat Farley, arose early one morning and went to the barn to feed the horses. He opened the barn door and to his amazement the building was full of coyotes. Visions of rabies entered his mind and he made haste to alarm the folks at the farmhouse.

Alex Wilson, Jim McGovern and Mr. Farley came to his assistance but McIntyre insisted that they be cautious as the barn was full of the mad animals and he proceeded to open the door a small space, thinking that perhaps some of the animals would venture out, but failing in his plan, he went back to the house after several shotguns and rifles. While on this errand, Alex Wilson entered the barn through a window and found two coyotes and killed them with a club. They had sought shelter in the barn and did not show any signs of rabies.

Mr. Farley had twelve head of horses housed in the barn, and not one had been molested by the coyotes. Arlington Independent.